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Senator Lawrence
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Representative Ziegler
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Ziegler, and the members of the Joint Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology:

I am speaking on behalf of Wells-Ogunquit Community School District, located in Wells, Maine.

Reasons we support LD 519:

- Ultimately, this program can serve the Wells-Ogunquit CSD, as well as our community, by helping us model effective stewardship of the environment for our students and future leaders of the next generations.
- Increased educational opportunities for our students to learn about the makeup of the electric grid, and how effectively managing usage rates can benefit the system as a whole.
- Interdisciplinary learning opportunities for students to link controlling carbon emissions with the ability to store renewable energy in times of lesser demand, while providing excess energy back to the grid in times of greater need.
- Multitude of benefits to the communities of Wells and Ogunquit through the passage of this bill. The health benefits of reducing toxins released into the air will be one that will be both immediate as well as long lasting for our communities.
- Decreasing our reliance on diesel fuel will enable us to be environmentally conscious of our role in the ecosystem in Southern Maine.

In conjunction with Ledgemere Transportation, Student Transport of America, and Efficiency Maine, the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District supports participating in the Vehicle-to-Grid pilot program. This program will provide us with an opportunity to learn more about the short term and long term impacts of V2G moving forward, as well as the benefits to the communities of Wells and Ogunquit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Daly", is written over the printed name "James P. Daly".

James P. Daly
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LD 519
Testimony Attached